

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 579, I was not present and am not recorded due to a family illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

HONORING THE ARIZONA STATE MUSEUM

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today to honor the Arizona State Museum on achieving re-accreditation from the American Association of Museums.

Accreditation comes after a comprehensive and rigorous performance appraisal which recognizes only the highest professional standards of operation. The Arizona State Museum joins an impressive group of 778 institutions accredited by the AAM.

The official curator for the archaeological treasures of the great state of Arizona, Arizona State Museum is located in Tucson, on the campus of the University of Arizona. Established in 1893, it pre-dates the state and stands as the oldest and largest anthropology museum in the Southwest region.

Its archaeological repository is the largest and busiest in the nation, second only to the Smithsonian itself.

Its vast and various collections, coupled with the collective body of research conducted there over the past century, are among the world's most significant resources for the study of southwestern peoples and the archaeology and history of the southwest.

Among the millions of objects it holds in trust for the people of Arizona is the world's largest and most comprehensive collection of Southwest American Indian pottery—some 20,000 whole vessels. Equal in number and significance is its collection of Southwest American Indian basketry.

The nation's museums play an important role in education, tourism and to the quality of life it provides for every community it resides in. The Arizona State Museum is one of these organizations and the people of Arizona have these and many more reasons to be proud of their state museum.

CONGRATULATING THE 2010 JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL SPELL BOWL TEAM

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the John Glenn High School Spell Bowl team of Walkerton Indiana for winning the Division II Indiana Academic Spell Bowl held on November 13, 2010 at Purdue University.

Champions for the 15th time in 24 years, the spellers earned a score of 86 out of 90, the third highest score out of all 30 teams in the four enrollment divisions at the state finals. John Glenn is also the only high school to win Spell Bowl State Championships in two different enrollment divisions.

Earning perfect scores at state were Seniors Erika Groves, Rachel Simms and Chloe Jacobson; Juniors Elly Alexander and Miranda Kafantaris; and Sophomore J.J. Silvey. Near perfect spellers were Senior Garrett Blad; Junior Kim Lord; Sophomore Ann Heckaman-Davis; and Freshman Erin Patterson. Alternates on the team were Tyler Foster, Ben Keller, Emily Thomas, Maryellen Schmalzried, Sage Bladow, Chris Mahank, Morgan Kafantaris, Katie Groves, and Raven Miller. The team is coached by English teacher Paul Hernandez who credited hard work and practicing three times a week for the victory.

Again, I rise to offer my congratulations to the members of the John Glenn High School Spell Bowl team for their extraordinary accomplishments throughout the competition.

HONORING THE GRADUATES OF "I AM . . . WE ARE"

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the graduates of the "I Am . . . We Are" community service program.

The "I Am . . . We Are" community service program is run by Project Director Michael Williams and Tamara Jenkins through the offices of the TimeBanks, USA program initiated by Chris Gray and Edgar Cahn.

The 40 graduates performed community service in the District of Columbia at the National Park Service, The Frederick Douglass House, The D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation, the Metropolitan Police Department and many other places, with the support of several D.C. Council members.

Despite coming from underprivileged and impoverished neighborhoods, the teen graduates devoted their summer beautifying our many parks and assisting the National Park

Service with sprucing up the Frederick Douglass House.

The Honorable Lee F. Satterfield, Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, offered these young people his inspirational and hearty congratulations as the keynote speaker at the graduation ceremony. D.C. Council members Phil Mendelson and Michael Brown also praised the graduates at the ceremony. The awardees and honorees include Brenda Richardson, Community Liaison in the Office of D.C. Council member Marion Barry; Ivana Williams, who successfully secured the grant for this program; Nicole Straughter, of the Campbell Group, who is a third-year student at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) David A. Clarke School of Law; Jeanne Campbell, CEO of the Campbell Group; Katherine S. Broderick, Dean of the UDC law school; Madelyn Yates, of the National Park Service; Julie Kuttruff, Director, Frederick Douglass House; and Sheila Lock, of WINN Development Corporation. Supporters and parents of the graduates also attended the ceremony to congratulate the students on their hard work in the District of Columbia.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the graduates of "I Am . . . We Are" community service program as they look forward to welcoming another class of inspiring youth.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 578, I was not present and am not recorded due to a family illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

ACKNOWLEDGING ELAINE AND MIKE ADLER FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO RAMAPO COLLEGE

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elaine and Mike Adler for their generous contribution to Ramapo College of New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Adler have recently announced a \$2 million gift that will finance the new Adler Center for Nursing Excellence. This donation will be the lead gift in Ramapo College's capital campaign to renovate its Science Center.

The Adler Center for Nursing Excellence will provide a new home for Ramapo College's nursing programs. This building will double the size of available laboratories and classroom

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space for nursing students. The Adlers' gift will help fulfill a critical need, felt both on campus and across the Nation, for an increase in facilities, resources, and educators to train our future nurses. The Nursing Programs at Ramapo College have clinical partnerships with Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, as well as The Valley Hospital. These unique partnerships allow students to experience some of the best nursing departments in the country. Ramapo College is one of the few institutions that offers a masters of science in nursing, which prepares nurses to serve as educators in their field.

Mike and Elaine are longtime supporters of Ramapo College. Amongst their many contributions, the Adlers have established an endowed scholarship program to ensure that financially disadvantaged students are not excluded from receiving a quality college education. Elaine serves on the Ramapo College Foundation Board of Governors, which exists to provide resources that will make a difference in the college's quest for educational excellence. In 1999, Mike and Elaine received honorary degrees and were recognized at Ramapo College's Distinguished Citizens Dinner. The Adlers are a true embodiment of the American dream. In 1949, they founded Myron Manufacturing in the basement of their home, and it has since grown into a large international corporation, based out of Maywood, New Jersey, within my congressional district.

Madam Speaker, today I would like to express my profound thanks to my dear friends Elaine and Mike Adler for their generous contribution to Ramapo College's nursing programs and for their lifelong commitment to serving their community.

CONGRATULATING MR. EDWARD L. BLACKSHEARE, SR. FOR HIS COUNTLESS CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION AND THE SANFORD COMMUNITY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my dear friend, Mr. Edward L. Blacksheare, Sr., on being honored by the Crooms Academy Alumni Association, Inc. at its first-ever "Legacy of Hope and Love Banquet." This ceremony will honor Mr. Blacksheare's distinguished career as an educator and his countless contributions to the Sanford community. Mr. Blacksheare has always welcomed the challenge to serve the underserved, and it is this devotion that has earned him recognition from the Crooms Academy Alumni Association.

Mr. Blacksheare carries himself with integrity, respect, and dedication in everything he does for his profession and community. A look into his background shows just how successful he has been on both of these fronts. As a Sanford, Florida native, Mr. Blacksheare attended Crooms Academy, graduating in 1943. After college, Mr. Blacksheare came back to Sanford and began his career as an educator at Oviedo High School. In 1948, he returned home to Crooms Academy as a teacher, which marked the beginning of a long and illustrious career. Mr. Blacksheare was ap-

pointed assistant principal in 1960 and was elevated to principal in 1964. After serving as principal for 21 years, Mr. Blacksheare took a position with the Seminole County School Board before retiring in 1992 with 43 years of service in education.

In addition, Mr. Blacksheare is also a proud Kappa man. He was a great role model for me and others in our community, serving Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity in many leadership roles. In fact, I became a Kappa at Fisk University because of Mr. Blacksheare. When he found out that I had pledged Kappa at Fisk University, he was so excited. Years later, when I was nominated for Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity's highest award, the Laurel Wreath, he wrote one of the first letters to the Laurel Wreath Committee on my behalf. Brother Blacksheare truly knows the meaning of PHILADELPHIA.

Mr. Blacksheare is a man of great faith and excellent character. He is a man known for his many good works and his love for his students, family, and friends. As a Crooms Academy alumnus, I am grateful for the many years of guidance and leadership Mr. Blacksheare devoted to my alma mater. He has always displayed selfless compassion and a desire to help those around him. A student in the Class of 1976 described Mr. Blacksheare as, "a man of great strength and patience . . . a principal who is interested in today's youth, concerned with our welfare and our school." I can think of no one else more deserving of this tremendous honor, which will be bestowed upon him at the "Legacy of Hope and Love Banquet."

Madam Speaker, it is truly a privilege and an honor for me to recognize Mr. Edward Blacksheare, Sr., for his dedication to education, Crooms Academy, its students, and the Sanford community as a whole.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 577, I was not present and am not recorded due to a family illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

CONGRATULATING THE 2010 PENN HIGH SCHOOL SPELL BOWL TEAM

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Penn High School Spell Bowl team of Mishawaka, Indiana for winning at the Division I Indiana Academic Spell Bowl held at Purdue University on November 13, 2010. Penn won with a perfect score, and has now won or tied for first place in the Class I Division with perfect scores since 1999.

Spell Bowl team members included Maddy Anderson, Maaz Arif, Nitin Arora, Nisha Bhatt, Alex Cao, Christy Chang, Laura Harmon, Austin Heckaman, Leah Hershberger, Yifei Hu,

Jenny Huang, Richard Jung, Neena Kalloolulangara, Marija Lapkus, James McGinness, Sheena Shah, Nithin Varadharajan, and Andy Wang. They are coached by Peter De Kever.

Mr. De Kever noted that their goal was not only winning, but doing so with a perfect score. He said, "They executed perfectly and all their hard work came to fruition." The team practices centered on repetition, and they wrote an estimated 30,000 words this season as part of the training. Again, I offer my congratulations to the members of the Penn High School Spell Bowl team for their accomplishments throughout the competition.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER J. BECKERT III

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the wonderful life and exceptional accomplishments of a remarkable man. This distinguished citizen possessed an impressive record of civic leadership and invaluable service. His achievements in making our city and state a better place merit our recognition and gratitude. It is to commend this eminent citizen that I rise to honor Walter "Uncle Walt" Beckert III.

Walt Beckert, "Uncle Walt" to all, devoted his time, skill and energy to making our state and our community a better place. Walt achieved a Masters in Bilingual Education, Curriculum Development and Administration from the University of Colorado. He served in the Peace Corps where he worked in Ecuador on bilingual education and curriculum development.

Walt was a labor leader and political activist who was in the vanguard of those dedicated to economic and social justice. As an AFL-CIO Colorado executive board member, former president of AFSCME Council 76, and Vice President of local 158; Walt was a union man through and through. Anyone who knew him was impressed by his unending spirit, drive and determination. Walt was an example of a true union leader in every sense of the term. Walt cared about all working people, not just those of his organization. His dedication and commitment to the labor movement was without question.

As a long time employee of the City and County of Denver as Director of Denver's Safe City Office, Walt worked to prevent violence by and against youth. His work allowed him to witness families that have fallen on hard times, whether by drugs, illness, or victimization. These experiences gave him a unique perspective in helping youth and were a motivating factor in his community service interests. These interests lead him to be appointed to the Governor's Commission on Community Service.

Walt was an invaluable member of any committee or endeavor. From labor union, to political party to the St. Patrick's Day Parade committee, he was always there with a smile and a hug and an attitude that made everyone want to work harder. He made every job look easy and fun, and with Uncle Walt it was.

Our thoughts and our prayers are with his loved ones. Please join me in celebrating the

life of Walt Beckert, a man who inspired everyone he met by his actions and deeds to make the world a better place for everyone.

RECOGNIZING CATHY GLASER FOR
THIRTY SIX YEARS OF SERVICE
TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the honorable civil service of Cathy Glaser and commend her tremendous career of thirty six years with the San Diego County Registrar of Voters Office.

Joining the team at San Diego County in 1976 with the District Attorney's office, Family Support Division, Ms. Glaser began her historic tenure with the County that has made an impression on countless San Diegans.

Transferring to the Registrar of Voters Office as a Senior Clerk in 1977, Ms. Glaser was soon promoted to Candidate Filing. She filled an invaluable role by assisting candidates in all their filing aspects.

Starting with San Diego County at the age of 22, and now ending at the helm of Campaign Services, Ms. Glaser has worked for 8 Registrars of Voters. She has seen 9 election cycles of Presidents, Governors, U.S. Senators, State Senators, State Assembly, County Supervisors, Mayors, City Councilmembers, Community College Boards and School Boards to name a few. She has supervised the ballot preparation for all of the candidates for these offices as well as state, county and local propositions and measures.

Ms. Glaser has seen the transformation from the time of less than 5,000 Absentee Voters, voting on "paper"; and when results were delivered on election night. She has since been at the forefront of change with now more than 700,000 Vote by Mail Voters.

Under Ms. Glaser's guidance and expertise, San Diego County has won several awards for streamlining the election process. She also created the prominent "Candidate's Guide" which has become the "go to" guide for candidates, consultants, treasurers and campaign managers. Her work is often used as a model for other counties across the nation.

It is an honor to recognize her three and a half decades of dedicated, professional public service. I offer Ms. Glaser my congratulations on her achievements.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to please join me in paying tribute to Ms. Glaser's loyal service to the San Diego County Registrar of Voters on the occasion of her retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 576, I was not present and am not recorded due to a family illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

HONORING THE CAREER OF
THOMAS MAX WILLSON

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the career and achievements of Thomas Max Willson of Traverse City, Michigan. Tom is retiring after nearly 30 years of diligent public service in the 86th Judicial District Court in Traverse City. Throughout his long career, Tom has performed his duties with the utmost dedication and professionalism while being a devoted husband and father. Tom is also a dear friend of mine.

Tom was born in Detroit, Michigan on January 12, 1951 and grew up in Royal Oak, Michigan; graduating from Shrine High School in 1969. Following high school, Tom enrolled at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City where he and I became good friends. In 1973, Tom transferred to Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice.

After earning his college degree in 1975, Tom knew he wanted to serve the public and play an integral role in his community. Tom headed back to Traverse City where he served as a sheriff deputy for Grand Traverse County. After two years as a sheriff deputy, Tom continued his career in public service as a probation officer for the 86th District Judicial Court, serving the counties of Grand Traverse, Antrim and Leelanau.

Looking for a change in his professional life, Tom entered the private sector and became a sales supervisor with H. Cox & Sons Wholesale Distributor. Additionally, Tom was given the incredible opportunity to teach classes as an adjunct instructor at Northwestern Michigan College (NMC). To this day, Tom continues to enlighten students at NMC every semester with his experience and insightful teachings.

Tom's passion for public service never faded. He returned to the 86th District Judicial Court to work as a probation officer in 1987—the same position he will be retiring from on December 31 of this year. Tom married his college sweetheart Deborah in May of 1974. Tom and Debbie celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary this year. They have two daughters, Heather and Ashley, and a granddaughter, Ava Rose.

On a personal note, Tom has been a dear friend who is always ready to help out and go the extra mile. He and Debbie have frequently offered to host out of town visitors and show them the beauty of northern Michigan. Tom is known in Washington as an unofficial ambassador to northern Michigan.

Madam Speaker, Thomas Max Willson has devoted his career to serving and protecting the residents of his local community and the State of Michigan. I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing and honoring his lifetime of commitment and hard work.

HONORING HELEN MACLEOD
THOMSON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Helen MacLeod Thomson for her 36 years of public service that began in 1974 when she was elected as a member of the Davis Joint Unified School District Board of Education and where she served 3 terms. She was elected to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors in 1986 and re-elected in 1990 and 1994. In 1996 she won the 8th district seat in the California State Assembly where she served three terms.

As a legislator Thomson chaired both the Health Committee and the Select Committee on Mental Health and served on numerous standing and select committees. She was on the leadership teams of four Speakers, including as Majority Floor Whip and Assistant Speaker Pro Tem. She led legislative efforts to reform the state-local government fiscal relationship and to end discrimination against those who suffer from serious mental illness.

Assemblywoman Thomson authored 81 bills signed into law by both Democratic and Republican governors. Most notably was AB 88, the mental health parity bill, which ended the historic discrimination in insurance benefits for those who suffer from mental illness and AB 1421, "Laura's Law," which established a court ordered program of Assisted Outpatient Treatment for those persons who are severely mentally ill. Thomson's legislation spanned a spectrum of subjects including local government finance, civil grand jury reform, highway safety, county social services delivery, water conservation, and the rights of the disabled.

In 2002, when her assembly term ended, Thomson again was elected to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors and was re-elected without opposition in June 2006. She will retire at the end of her term in December 2010. Supervisor Thomson has served on a variety of local and statewide boards. Of continuing importance to her is the Children's Health Initiative, which works to insure children 0–18, who are not covered by other health insurance programs, the Yolo Indigent Health Medical Services Program and the county's alcohol, drug and mental health programs. A registered nurse, she is a member of the National Advisory Committee for the newly established Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis.

A champion of Yolo County agriculture, Supervisor Thomson is a founder of the Yolo Land Trust and this year was awarded its 2010 Thomson-Rominger award for her decades of work in land conservation. A major goal of her county service was the adoption of the new County General Plan in December 2009. This 2030 General Plan continues Yolo County's historic preservation of agricultural lands, natural resources and open space, while creating opportunities for strategic economic development. It emphasizes policies that address issues of "smart growth" and climate change.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time to acknowledge and thank Helen M. Thomson for her 36 years of exemplary leadership and her lasting contributions that have

done so much to directly improve the lives of those she has so ably represented.

HONORING ARMY MASTER
SERGEANT MITTMAN

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate and honor the service of Army Master Sergeant Jeffrey Mittman for receiving the Osborne A. "Oz" Day AbilityOne Awareness Award. The prestigious "Oz" Award is presented by the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled to an employee at a federal agency who demonstrates exceptional service promoting the AbilityOne Program throughout the federal, state and local communities.

Now, the National Account Manager for the National Industries for the Blind's Midwest Region, Master Sergeant Mittman supports a mission of employment for others with disabilities by promoting the AbilityOne Program through the federal procurement process in Indiana's 5th Congressional District. This patriot's story is a remarkable one, for his story does not start nor finish here with this award.

Master Sergeant Mittman's indefatigable commitment to serve his fellow Americans began as a soldier in the United States Army in 1989. Having fought in Operation Desert Storm, Operation Desert Shield, Operation Enduring Freedom, and in 2003, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Master Sergeant Mittman was the All-American hero who never turned down defending his country. It wasn't till his return to Iraq in 2005 as a special advisor to the Iraqi Department of the Interior that he came face to face with death changing his life forever.

Tragically, an improvised explosive device exploded near his vehicle in Iraq, leaving Master Sergeant Mittman without a nose, lips, most of his teeth, and the majority of his vision. Since that time, he has endured more than 40 operations and spent over four years recovering physically and emotionally. To his great credit, he has traveled the country sharing the lessons he learned from these experiences with the world.

He is noted for saying it is the veteran who has to take that very first step to recovering and that he realized this after attending the Blinded Veterans Association Conference in 2006, where he met people who were blinded years ago who are now attorneys, teachers and business executives. After realizing life can be good in spite of having a disability, he decided to help others who also have disabilities find jobs and lead meaningful lives.

Master Sergeant Mittman, a 40-year-old decorated warrior, husband of 17 years, father of two and outspoken military veteran was and forever will be an All-American hero whose determination and selflessness continue to serve our country and inspire our hearts. Today, we salute you.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 580 I was not present and am not recorded due to a family illness.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING JUDGE WILLIAM C.
HARRISON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge William C. Harrison, who is retiring after serving 20 years as a Superior Court Judge in Solano County, California.

Judge Harrison was appointed to the bench in 1990 by California Governor George Deukmejian. He twice served as Presiding Judge of the Courts and was Supervising Judge of the Civil Division for four years, the Criminal Division for two years and the Vallejo Branch for two years. He is a past judge of the Juvenile Delinquency and Dependency Calendars and past probate judge. He currently serves as President of the Solano County Law Library Board.

He served as a member of the Executive Board of the California Judges Association and was a member of its Public Information and Education Committee and the Probate and Mental Health Committee. He served as President of the organization in 2000–2001.

Judge Harrison was also a member of the Judicial Council of California, the policymaking body of the California courts, which is the largest court system in the Nation. He served as Vice Chair of the Council's Internal Rules and Project Committee and Chair of the Internal Litigation Management Committee. He has also served as an instructor and facilitator for the California Center for Judicial Education and Research, the educational arm of the Judicial Council which provides continuing education to California's judges, and is currently co-chair of the Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers Executive Committee.

For the last eight years, Judge Harrison has served by appointment of the Chief Justice of California on working groups and task forces dealing with judicial selection, court fees, the transfer of court facilities to the state, and court security.

Madam Speaker, Judge Harrison has served his community well and has distinguished himself throughout his career as an attorney practicing in Vallejo, California and as a member of the bench. It is therefore appropriate that we acknowledge his many contributions and wish him well on his retirement.

CONGRATULATING MARY ALICE
D'ARCY ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a special constituent from my congressional district, Mary Alice D'Arcy, on her upcoming retirement. For the past thirty years, she has had a remarkable impact on Easter Seals DuPage and the Fox Valley Region.

Since 1981, Mary Alice has served as President and CEO of Easter Seals, one of the largest out-patient pediatric rehabilitation centers in Illinois. Under her leadership, Easter Seals was awarded the highest possible accreditation for outpatient rehabilitation from the Commission for Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities in 2007 and 2010.

Mary Alice has been an important advocate of the organization's mission to enable infants, children and adults with disabilities to achieve independence. She has dedicated her life to helping these individuals in overcoming obstacles, and has been a great friend and mentor to families across the State of Illinois.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing her extraordinary service and wishing her every happiness in the well deserved respite of her retirement.

HONORING THOMAS DREWES OF
RARITAN TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Mr. Thomas Drewes of Raritan Township, New Jersey.

At the end of 2010, Thomas Drewes will retire from the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service after 36 years of dedicated public service.

Throughout his long and distinguished career Mr. Drewes has been an enthusiastic advocate for the importance of soil health and has inspired many educational and outreach efforts in New Jersey. Thomas Drewes has made a real difference in his community and throughout New Jersey as a lead conservationist.

Over the years Mr. Drewes has received numerous awards for his contributions to conservation. In 2005 Mr. Drewes was nominated by his peers and selected to receive the New Jersey "State Conservationist Award" for his leadership in conservation in the Garden State. In 2010 the New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts presented Mr. Drewes with a "Special Recognition Award" for his commitment and dedication to conservation in New Jersey. That same year Mr. Drewes received the "Employee Choice Award" from the New Jersey Conservation District Employees Association.

It gives me great pleasure to share the remarkable efforts of Mr. Thomas Drewes of Raritan Township, New Jersey with my colleagues in the United States Congress and with the American people.

I am honored to join his friends, family and colleagues in congratulating him on his retirement after 36 years of service to the people of New Jersey in making a real difference in my home state's conservation efforts.

Congratulations Tom and best of luck to you in your retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 575, I was not present and am not recorded due to a family illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

BROTHER . . . BROTHER . . . COMBAT MEDIC SPC JEROD HEATH OSBORNE, UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American family, and a fallen hero and his brother. On July 5, 2010, Combat Medic SPC Jerod Heath Osborne of Royce, Texas, of the 4/73 82nd Airborne, died during an IED explosion in Afghanistan. In his short life he was a combat medic, an Angel on the Battlefield, the ones who rush in while all around the face of hell is going on. The lives that he has saved in his brief but great life will be measured in the future, with children and heroes that he has saved. His brother SSG Wautash Grillett of the 10th Mountain Div. 1st Combat Team 2nd Batt. 22nd Infantry, on September 21 of that same year almost died in a mortar attack and is currently fighting to save his leg. This family, throughout the generations, has served our nation in the Armed Forces. As recently as the Vietnam war, their uncle James Carter gave his life in the name of freedom. The very bed of our Nation's freedom is built upon selfless families, our prayers and thoughts go out to them. SSG Grillett has said that his brother Jerod always wanted to be just like him, but now he wants to be like his brother.

BROTHER . . . BROTHER . . .

Brother . . . Brother . . .

My . . .

My Brother's Gift . . .

So very precious, as was this . . .

My Brother's Faith, shall forever so wave . . .

My Brother's life, one of such so sure selfless sacrifice . . .

All in his amazing grace . . .

My Brother's life, so very short . . . yet shines so bright!

Moments, are all we have!

To grab hearts, To Make A Difference . . . to Heaven rise!

As an Angel on The Battlefield . . .

As into the face of death Jerod, you so ran . . . and not to yield . . .

To but so save sacred life, as was your mission . . . as was his most divine light! From dusk to dawn, as a battlefield combat medic your courage worn!

As all around you Jerod, the face of death so swarmed!

And what child may be born?

All from your love Jerod, upon battlefields of honor adorned!

That might so save the world, who now lives on . . .

And all those lives you saved, just moments from the grave . . .

And what children, all on this morning will awake?

With but the greatest gift of all, in their hearts to take!

With a Mother or Father, a Sister or Brother whose fine lives you saved . . .

Brother . . . Brother, oh how it's for you I cry!

A promise I've made, as I wipe these tears from my eyes!

That I will live for you, each and every new day, every sunrise!

To the fullest! All in your fine name!

And if ever I have a new son, your name will be his . . . this one!

Brother . . . Brother . . . I am so very proud of you!

All in what you have done . . . oh yes it's true!

Only the good die young, as now you shine all up in Heaven's sun!

As an Angel In The Army of our Lord, with your new battle begun!

To watch over us, as Thy Will Be Done!

Brother . . . Brother . . .

All across Texas this night . . .

As we lay our heads down to rest, as comes a gentle rain . . .

As upon us, are but our Lord's tears to wash over us . . .

And so bless us, to so ease our pain!

As he cries for your most sacred sacrifice, this rain . . .

Brother . . . Brother . . . I cannot wait until up in Heaven we meet again . . .

And we won't have to cry anymore, all in this pain . . .

Brother, Brother, once you so wanted to be just like me . . .

Now, I'm the one who so wants . . . to be like you!

Brother . . . Brother . . . Amen . . .

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 574 I was not present and am not recorded due to a family illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING TERRI HEMMERT

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievements in broadcasting of Chicago's own Terri Hemmert. Ms. Hemmert, who is already featured in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's "Rock and Radio" exhibit, was inducted into The Radio Hall of Fame on November 6, 2010.

Ms. Hemmert first fell in love with music after watching The Beatles on The Ed Sullivan Show as a child in Piqua, Ohio. She began her career in broadcasting as a late night disc-jockey at WCMF in Rochester, New York, be-

fore returning to the Midwest and in 1973 joined the burgeoning progressive rock station WXRT in Chicago, where she has stayed for 37 years.

In 1981, Ms. Hemmert's career took off when she became Chicago's first female morning drive personality. The knowledge and love of the music she played, coupled with her infectious personality made Terri Hemmert one of the household names in the city's ring of FM broadcasters. As a renowned Beatles expert, she was the ideal candidate to host Chicago's Fest For Beatles Fans, a position she's held for 30 years.

Ms. Hemmert contributes to the City of Chicago in other vital ways. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Peace Museum, Facets Multimedia and many other non-profit organizations. She teaches the History of Rock and Soul at Columbia College Chicago and lends her expertise as an advisor to the student radio station.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Terri Hemmert and her extraordinary career, numerous contributions to gender equality in broadcasting and bringing joy to thousands of Chicagoans stuck in traffic on their morning commutes. I would like to congratulate Ms. Hemmert on a life of accomplishment with more sure to come.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF MICHAEL REAGAN, AN ARTIST AND VIETNAM WAR VETERAN FROM EDMONDS, WASHINGTON

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, all members of this body and indeed all Americans are united in the high esteem we have for the men and women of our Armed Forces who have given their lives in service to our country.

A constituent of mine provides a grand example in this regard. Mr. Michael Reagan, a portrait artist residing in Edmonds, Washington, a member of the U.S. Marine Corps, a combat veteran of the Vietnam War, and a member of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars, has committed himself to providing surviving families with hand-drawn portraits of every man or woman killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. To date, Mr. Reagan has completed over 2,400 portraits of servicemembers.

These portraits make a difference. A wife of a fallen Marine wrote to Mr. Reagan, "I sit in the living room every day looking at the portrait you drew . . . It just brings me a little bit of peace because I feel like he's right there with me."

In honoring the dead and comforting the living, Mr. Reagan helps the families to hold their loved ones in their hearts forever and helps assure that our Nation will never forget the service they gave and the sacrifice they made. I believe we should reflect on Mr. Reagan's contribution and ask ourselves how we, too can continue to honor the brave men and women of our Armed Forces.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 573 I was not present and am not recorded due to a family illness.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
SCOTT SCHLOEGEL**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend and Chief of Staff Scott Schloegel. Scott has worked for me for nearly two decades in both the Michigan House of Representatives and in Congress. Over the years, Scott has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to his work, and I am forever grateful for his tireless service to both me and the citizens of northern Michigan.

Scott began his service in 1990 when, fresh off his graduation from Northern Michigan University, he came to work as my legislative aide in Lansing, MI. When I came to Congress in 1993, Scott served as my District Director in Michigan where he oversaw hiring staff and opening six of my district offices. He instilled in the district staff that casework and constituent service should be their main focus and a hallmark of my tenure. As District Director, Scott logged hundreds of hours on the road with me and represented me at countless meetings and events across northern Michigan. He would meet with local officials, hold constituent outreach hours and would speak to groups for me while I was in Washington. Scott had a great feel for the political landscape of my rural district, and for more than four years he worked determinedly to help raise the profile of our office and convert what was a solid Republican area into one that consistently supported me with increasing re-election margins.

In 1997, I asked Scott to become my Chief of Staff. Scott and his wife Kirsten moved to DC and began what would become a 13½-year reign as my top advisor. Over the ensuing years, we have been through many historical and personal tribulations. During the years that Scott was my Chief of Staff, we experienced the impeachment trial of President Clinton; the cliffhanger election between Vice President Al Gore and then Governor George W. Bush; the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001; the anthrax attacks; the DC sniper; and key legislative battles regarding guns, energy, health care and many more. Also during this time, Scott and I both lost our mothers and my son B.J. passed away.

Throughout my tenure I knew that I could always count on Scott to give me sound advice on political and legislative issues. When he disagreed with me he would not hesitate to tell me so. And, while he didn't win every battle, I knew that he always had my best interests and the best interests of northern Michigan in mind. One of his favorite tactics when he dis-

agreed with how I was going to vote was to sit down and write a TV or radio commercial that he would run against me in the next election and then say, "If you can counter that in a 30 second TV spot or a 60 second radio spot, then go ahead and vote that way. If you can't, then maybe it isn't the right thing for the district."

Four years ago, when I became Chairman of the Energy & Commerce Committee's Oversight & Investigations Subcommittee, Scott took over to handle my O&I work in addition to his Chief of Staff duties. He assisted in dozens of hearings into such critical issues as our nation's nuclear weapon's labs, cyber security, food and drug imports, health care reform, automobile safety, telecommunications and energy hearings. He has a great mind for oversight and investigations and I could always count on him to think ahead and represent my interests with the Committee staff.

Over the years, we have done a tremendous amount of good for our nation and northern Michigan and I know that along the way, Scott has taken as much joy in helping his home district as I have. We have frequently reflected upon the many accomplishments of my tenure and the multitude of improvements across northern Michigan as a result of our work on improving infrastructure, helping businesses secure financing for research and development, and securing financing for communities and universities across the district.

Madam Speaker, as I prepare to leave this great institution, I want to thank Scott for his leadership and friendship over all these years. I also want to thank his wife Kirsten and his daughters Emma and Lauren for the sacrifice they have made as Scott toiled for Michigan's First Congressional District. Kirsten and the girls had to put up with Scott working extremely long hours and I know there are times where he put service to me above his duties at home. Any elected official will tell you that the sacrifice of service is one that can test the strength of relationships at home, and I want Kirsten and the girls to know that I truly do appreciate the fact that they have allowed Scott to serve the people of Michigan and our nation. I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Scott Schloegel's 20 years of public service.

HONORING CHARLIE KRUSE

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Charlie Kruse for his 18 years of service as President of the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation.

Over the years, Charlie's uncommonly wise counsel has been a blessing, as it was for my late husband, Bill, before me. Whether it was changes in agriculture policy, EPA regulations, or even school funding, I know I can rely on Charlie and the folks at Missouri Farm Bureau to provide, honest, reliable assessments for rural Missouri. But more important than Charlie's advice, I appreciate Charlie's friendship; and I look forward to keeping it for years to come.

Missouri Farm Bureau has grown to be an even more effective organization under Char-

lie's strong leadership. When Charlie was elected President of the organization in 1992, membership stood at just over 75,000. Membership today stands at just under 112,000 members. This is a testament to Charlie's leadership and the dedicated staff and membership he has surrounded himself with. Moreover, public servants from both political parties agree that Missouri Farm Bureau continues to be one of the most respected organizations in our state.

No tribute to Charlie would be complete without mentioning Charlie's wife, Pam. I believe it is clear to all that Pam's dedication to her husband and her family enabled Charlie to work so hard for rural Missouri. Pam's unselfishness and generosity of time and energy are to be commended.

On behalf of the farmers and ranchers of Southern Missouri and the grateful constituents of the Eighth Congressional District, I congratulate Charlie and Pam on this occasion. Thank you, Charlie, for your 18 years of dedicated leadership with Missouri Farm Bureau. Best of wishes to you and your family as you pursue new challenges in the many bright years ahead of you.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 572, I was not present and am not recorded due to a family illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

HONORING KENNETH ROBERTS OF
LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Kenneth Roberts, who is celebrating his 80th birthday this Saturday. Mr. Roberts is being honored at a luncheon to commemorate this milestone along with his years of service to the community.

Mr. Roberts was born in Washington State in 1930. He went on to serve as a Buck Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War before settling in Lake County with his wonderful wife, Irene. He had a long and fruitful career with Homestake Mining and retired in 1995.

Mr. Roberts is a committed activist and outdoorsman. He is known for his patience, tolerance and kind demeanor, but he'll never shy away from a lively debate on the issues. He is an avid hiker who is a member of the Redbud Audubon Society and Sierra Club. His commitment and passion for his community has also manifested itself in his work with the Lake County Adult Literacy Coalition. Ken mentored three Hispanic adults in reading and writing English and tutored one in preparation for the U.S. Citizenship exam, which his student passed.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, it is appropriate at this time that we thank my friend Mr.

Kenneth Roberts for the work he has done on behalf of the people an environment of Lake County and wish him a happy 80th birthday. I join his 7 children, 18 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren in wishing him continued good health and fulfillment.

ACKNOWLEDGING WORLD REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to take a moment to pay my respects to road traffic victims in honor of World Day of Remembrance, this Sunday. Since 1993, this special Remembrance Day responds to the great need that road crash victims and their loved ones harbor for public recognition of their loss and pain.

The sense of grief and distress of this large group of people is all the greater because many of the victims are young and many of the crashes could have been prevented. The response to road death and injury is often experienced as inadequate, cruelly unsympathetic, and inappropriate to a loss of life or quality of life. In 2005, the United Nations took it global, endorsing it to be the third Sunday in November each year, encouraging NGOs, such as the Association for Safe International Road Travel to commemorate this day.

Clinton Oster, an environment and public policy professor at Indiana University in Bloomington, served as chairman of a committee that wrote a report on reducing traffic deaths in our Nation, released on Tuesday.

According to the report, transportation safety authorities in other countries have been successful at reducing fatalities by taking a different overall approach, with an emphasis on demonstrating and documenting programs that work and then aggressively making their case for those programs with political leaders and the public.

It is estimated that 1.3 million people die in road crashes each year. Unless action is taken, road traffic injuries are predicted to become the fifth leading cause of death by 2030.

As Oster said, if such programs were widely adopted in the U.S., it's probable that thousands of lives could be saved each year.

It is my hope that recognizing Remembrance Day will signal the importance the issue of reducing road danger to government.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 571 I was not present and am not recorded due to a family illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

RETIREMENT TRIBUTE TO SOLANO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS DEE ALARCON

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, we rise to recognize Dee Alarcon, Superintendent of Solano County Office of Education, as she retires after 42 years of outstanding public service through education.

Before being elected to serve as Solano County's Superintendent of Public Education, Dee Alarcon worked for 20 years as a teacher, principal and administrator in half of Solano County's six school districts—Dixon, Travis and Benicia. During this period she also taught at the university level. In 1998, Dee began working for the Office of Education as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction/Public Information Office, then as Director ACSA Principals Academy, and quickly moved up to Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, then Associate Superintendent/Chief Business Official, and finally to Deputy Superintendent from 2001–2003. It was in 2003 that Dee was elected as the first female county superintendent in Solano County's 158-year history; rightfully, an achievement of great pride for her.

Professionally Dee has been an outstanding leader among her peers. She is well-known across the nation for her expertise in professional development for teachers and administrators and her depth of knowledge has made her a subject-matter expert in curriculum and instruction. She holds life teaching and administrative service credentials including a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts from California State University, Chico, and a Master of Arts in Educational Administration from California State University, Sacramento.

As Solano County Superintendent, Dee has directed and implemented the strategic plan for the Office of Education, developed and monitored the \$64 million budget, and monitored the combined school district budgets of \$500 million. In 2007, Solano County was awarded "America's Promise 100 Best Communities for Young People" with the Office of Education serving as lead agency in submitting the application. It is with great pride that we note Solano County has won this distinguished designation a total of three times.

Dee Alarcon also represents the Solano County Office of Education through her memberships in various professional organizations and committees. She was recognized with a Women of Distinction Award in 2004 by Soptimist International of Dixon for her outstanding service in education and to the community.

Dee has been elected President of the ACSA, Region 4, and served on ACSA's state Board of Directors for 3 years. In 2005, ACSA honored her as Administrator of the Year. She currently serves as the President of the Association of Educational Service Agencies, AESA, Council and she will direct the Association of California School Administrators, ACSA, Superintendents Academy this year at the Solano County Office of Education.

Additionally, Dee's experience in community relations and collective bargaining along with her amiable personality are assets in fostering

positive and collaborative relationships among educational institutions, professional organizations, governmental agencies, and members of the community.

When asked to comment on the leading factor motivating her to serve in the education profession, Dee explains, "I have never lost focus of why I am in this business—for the children."

As Superintendent Dee Alarcon retires, we are pleased to have this opportunity to thank her publicly for her remarkable leadership and dedication to excellence in education. Our children, their families, and our entire community have benefitted immensely from her work. Hers is a lasting legacy and we join together with Dee's husband Alex, her sons A.J. and Phil, her extended family and friends to wish her the very best in her retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 570 I was not present and am not recorded due to a family illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING JANICE KAMENIR- REZNIK

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and pay tribute to an outstanding citizen of our country, my good friend Janice Kamenir-Reznik. She is being honored as the Co-Founder and President of Jewish World Watch (JWW) at the Global Soul event on February 1, 2011. Janice is one of Los Angeles' most dedicated activists, as seen by her relentless advocacy for human and civil rights worldwide.

Through co-founding JWW with Rabbi Harold M. Schulweis, Janice has directed the energies of this effective Jewish movement to focus attention on ending current and future genocides and mass atrocities. Her dedication and efforts to end the current crises in regions such as the Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo are clear examples of her compassionate and caring nature.

JWW urges individuals and communities to take local action to produce powerful global results in the fight against genocide. The organization has impressively enlisted 65 synagogues, and works in coalition with schools, churches, individuals, communities, and partner organizations that share a vision of a world without genocide. JWW has successfully influenced legislation that ends the trade of conflict minerals from Congo which funds armed groups committing atrocities in the region. They also provide high-impact relief and development projects that improve the lives of survivors and help build the foundation for a stable region.

Janice is a pillar of society and a role model for all of us. As President of JWW, she has

demonstrated not only the influence of advocacy but the power of action as well. She ensures that this important movement will not "stand idly by" as she continues to provide educational awareness, advocacy and direct relief efforts in the killing fields of Sudan and war-torn Congo.

Madam Speaker and distinguished colleagues, I ask you to join me in saluting Janice Kamenir-Reznik for her invaluable contributions and dedication to the JWW cause.

NOVEMBER IS AMERICAN
DIABETES MONTH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge November as National Diabetes Month. This is a time for us to officially recognize the importance of and to increase the awareness of this relentless, debilitating and—without question deadly disease. If left undiagnosed or untreated, the consequences of diabetes are far more serious than many people realize. This month is an opportunity for Americans to look at diabetes differently and to get involved to stop and prevent this disease.

Currently, there are nearly 24 million American children and adults who have diabetes; there are another 57 million Americans that have prediabetes, putting them at high risk for developing the disease. Every minute three people are diagnosed with diabetes and over 700,000 New Yorkers have the disease—almost a third do not know they have it and more than 100,000 of them with very poorly controlled diabetes are at high risk of heart attack, stroke, kidney failure, blindness, and amputations.

The American Diabetes Association estimates that the total cost of diagnosed diabetes in the United States is more than \$174 billion annually. Further published studies suggest that when additional costs for gestational diabetes, prediabetes and undiagnosed diabetes are included, the total diabetes-related costs in the United States could exceed \$218 billion each year if people do not have access to the tools necessary to manage their diabetes. Every day, nearly 200 people with diabetes will undergo an amputation, 130 people enter end-stage kidney disease programs and 50 people go blind from diabetes. Diabetes kills more Americans each year than breast cancer and AIDS combined.

Diabetes is not merely a condition; it is a disease with deadly consequences. Drastic action is needed from everyone for we simply cannot afford to continue to ignore this epidemic. The most critical thing you can do is to take control of your own health and to encourage your family and community to do the same. Fortunately, there are a number of steps you can take if you have or are at risk for developing diabetes. Everyone can start by knowing the "ABCs of diabetes"; this will help in keeping it under control, as well as, prevent or delay any serious and deadly complications. The ABCs are simple and consist of the following:

Average Glucose—Most people with diabetes should check their A1C (a measure of av-

erage glucose) every 3 to 6 months. The A1C test measures how well they are managing their diabetes over time. A1C can also be reported as estimated Average Glucose, or eAG. In most cases, it is important to keep A1C less than 7 percent (eAG less than 154 mg/dl).

Blood Pressure—People with diabetes should have a target blood pressure of less than 130/80 mmHg.

Cholesterol—LDL (bad) cholesterol should be below 100 mg/dl; HDL (healthy) cholesterol should be above 40 mg/dl for men and 50 mg/dl for women; triglycerides should be below 150 mg/dl.

Diabetes is an epidemic in New York City, fueled by the increase in obesity nationwide and worldwide. In the past 15 years, the number of people with diabetes in NYC has more than doubled. In 2008, 550,000 New Yorkers reported being diagnosed with diabetes. Though serious, diabetes can be prevented and controlled—weight management is an important step.

Therefore, I encourage everyone to talk to their doctor, participate in some form of physical activity, maintain a healthy diet and take your medications. These are just a few preventive measures that you can do in taking control of your diabetes. So, please join me in recognizing November as National Diabetes Month and increasing the awareness by jump starting your way to a healthier life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 569, I was not present and am not recorded due to a family illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN HONOR OF ANASTASIOS
(TASSOS) EFSTRATIADES

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Anastasios, Tassos, Efstratiades, whose personal commitment to preserve the proud heritage of Cypriot Americans and efforts to raise awareness of the continued strife in Cyprus is worthy of recognition.

Mr. Efstratiades's love for his homeland is admirable and his accomplishments as a father and businessman are truly inspirational.

Mr. Efstratiades, a partner at Obermayer, Rebmann, Maxwell & Hippel, LLP, has been named Chairman on both the Governor's Commission on International Trade for New Jersey and the Cherry Hill Economic Development Committee. He has also served on the New Jersey General Assembly's Task Force on Business Retention, Expansion and Export Development. In these roles Mr. Efstratiades has demonstrated his abilities as a leader, spearheading efforts to improve commerce and create economic growth, contributing di-

rectly to the well-being and prosperity for many families in Southern New Jersey.

As a leader in Greek American initiatives, Mr. Efstratiades's service is truly extraordinary. Serving as chairman of the Greek American Chamber of Commerce, he has worked to cultivate relationships and ease business struggles for countless Greek and Cypriot-American businesspeople. Mr. Efstratiades's civic leadership helped him earn this prestigious title, while his tireless efforts have garnered him the respect and admiration of his peers and colleagues.

Madam Speaker, Anastasios Efstratiades's commitment to South Jersey must be recognized. I wish him the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his continued dedication to Cypriot Americans.

POSTHUMOUS TRIBUTE TO
SERGEANT WILLIE JAMES QUINCE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call your attention to the life and work of an outstanding individual, the late Sergeant Willie James Quince of Paterson, New Jersey, whose life will be celebrated during a memorial service on Monday, November 29, 2010, at the First A.M.E. Zion Church.

It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for he served countless others throughout his lifetime.

Sergeant Willie James Quince was born in Valdosta, Georgia, in 1921 to Mr. Remer Quince and Helen Braswell. His family moved to West Palm Beach, Florida, for where he finished elementary school and graduated from Industrial High School. He went on to courses at Purple Kerpels School of Mechanical Dentistry in New York City, NY. He then studied 4 years at the Jones Barber School in Atlantic City, NJ, and the Interracial Barber College in Atlantic City, NJ, graduating in three years. After graduation, he moved to Paterson, N.J. in January 1958 and opened Quince's Barber Shop.

He was married to Mary M. Quince for 61 years, and together they raised five children, Wiley "Sonny" Quince, William A. Quince (Linda), Madgeline Z. Quince, Sylvia A. Lucas, and Kelvin C. Quince (Cora); and also now have ten grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. Mr. Quince was a faithful husband, dedicated father, grandfather and great grandfather, and a committed community servant. He earned many accolades and had a long record of accomplishment as a forerunner for civil rights and a leader throughout Paterson. He was a long time member of First A.M.E. Zion Church where he was elected Man Of The Year multiple times, served on the Board of Trustees for 31 years and served as Chairman for 15 years. He also served on the Steward Board, Usher Board, The Dreamers, The Kitchen Cabinet, and The Zion Seniors.

He served our Nation as a Drill Sergeant during World War II Army Air Force and received the Medal of Good Conduct, WWII Victory Medal and ATO Medal. He was an Honored Life Member of the NAACP Paterson

Branch, a member of the Habitat for Humanity Paterson Chapter Tenants Selection Committee for Home Ownership. He was the 1st African-American elected chairman of the Paterson Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, and he served as Project Housing Manager of Christopher Columbus Housing Development and as Manager of the Riverside Terrace Housing Development. He also served as Paterson's 4th Ward Leader of the Passaic County Democratic Party for many years. He was known for his superb social mannerisms and good conversation.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the lifetime achievement of a giving person such as Sergeant Willie James Quince.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Willie's family and friends, and me in recognizing the late Sergeant Willie James Quince's outstanding life of service to his community.

RECOGNIZING THE 87TH ANNIVERSARY OF TURKEY'S REPUBLIC DAY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to the Republic of Turkey on the occasion of the 87th anniversary of Republic Day.

On October 29, 1923, the new republic was declared in the new capital of Ankara. Mustafa Kemal Atatürk was the founder and first President of the Republic of Turkey, and his leadership proved essential to the foundation for the secular republic. In recent decades, the republic has strengthened politically and economically.

Turkey's membership in NATO, beginning in 1952, has been one facet of a strong relationship between Turkey and the United States. It is important that our two nations continue to work together toward our common goals.

I extend my best wishes to the citizens of Turkey, and urge my colleagues to recognize this important occasion.

EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CONTINUATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, on November 18, 2010, U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Hilda Solis said the fact that the U.S. unemployment rate was 9.6 percent in October 2010 (as opposed to 10.1 percent in October 2009) "tells you . . . we are on the right path."

The facts show that the U.S. unemployment rate has been 9.5 percent or above for 15 consecutive months—the longest period since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

The unemployment rate hasn't fallen since spring—when hundreds of thousands of temporary Census jobs were "created."

And Democrats promised us if their 2009 stimulus law passed, the unemployment rate would be 7 percent by now, which as the chart below reflects didn't happen.

All of which suggests unemployment at 9.6 percent is not the right path for American workers, regardless of what Secretary Solis believes.

This bill reflects a cynical political maneuver by the Democratic leadership. They know the Senate has no plans to pass this unpaid-for bill. So all the claims that today's legislation will save Thanksgiving are just more empty rhetoric.

The fact is, this is exactly what happened this summer, when Democrats brought a similar unpaid-for extension bill up under suspensions. That failed, because enough Republicans and Democrats opposed simply adding to the deficit. You would think our Democrat colleagues would have learned that lesson, and either brought this up for an up or down vote, or actually paid for it. Instead, we get more of the same "our way or the highway" approach.

It will not pass, and the other side knows it. We should reject this bill and work together to quickly pass a bill to extend federal unemployment benefits while responsibly paying for it.

HONORING GEORGE THOMAS "MICKEY" LELAND

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Congressman George Thomas "Mickey" Leland, who lost his life in a plane crash during a humanitarian mission in Ethiopia. Were he still with us, he would have turned 66 last week on November 27.

Congressman Leland was best known for his advocacy for low-income families and individuals, both at home and abroad. Before he even held political office, he was active in pressing for crucial health care reforms in Houston, such as community health clinics. In 1972 he ran for the Texas House of Representatives as a member of the "People's Five," a slate of minority candidates in a state that had not seen an African American state representative since Reconstruction. Congressman Leland won his election, and two subsequent reelections. In his tenure, he was lauded for his work to allow generic drugs to be prescribed, lowering costs and increasing access to life-saving medications for many Texans.

In 1978, Congressman Leland took over the seat vacated by Barbara Jordan's retirement from the United States House of Representatives. He was reelected to his position as a United States Congressman five times, typically winning majorities of 90 percent or more. Initially he drew attention with his unique sense of style, later for his ability to develop bipartisan partnerships. Congressman Leland chaired the Congressional Black Caucus in the 99th Congress, from 1985 to 1987. He was an ally to all minority groups, including the many Latinos in his district. He once surprised his colleagues by arguing in Spanish on the House Floor in favor of preserving the bilingual clauses of the Voting Rights Act.

However, Congressman Leland's greatest passion—the fight against world hunger—was born during a three-month trip through East Africa. There, he witnessed mobs of people rubbing their stomachs and pleading for food in Ethiopian refugee camps. There, he held a young girl in his arms as she died of starvation. After that fateful visit, Congressman Leland became a dedicated crusader, raising awareness of domestic and international hunger. He was instrumental in the creation of the Select Committee on Hunger, which in 1984 was able to push through Congress a nearly \$800 million aid package for famine relief. He continued to travel to Africa frequently, often guiding his Congressional colleagues to refugee camps so they could see for themselves the dramatic impact of the aid money.

It was during a trip to Africa, during which he planned to monitor the delivery of supplies and inspect a refugee camp on August 7, 1989, that Congressman Leland's plane crashed into a mountainside. He and 15 others died in the course of this humanitarian mission. Many of the communities he had touched, both in Texas and nationally, were quick to honor his memory with awards, dedications, and outreach projects in Africa. His greatest legacy is, of course, his family—he is survived by his wife Alison and his three children.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing this remarkable man for his lifetime of service.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA GAINING A PERMANENT SEAT ON THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce a resolution in support of the Republic of India gaining a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council. Addressing a joint session of India's Parliament this past November 8, President Obama said that "the United States not only welcomes India as a rising global power, we fervently support it." I could not agree more. In recent years India has proven to be a solid and supportive ally of the United States. As the international community looks to reform the policies and procedures of the Security Council, no nation deserves a seat at the table more than India.

As the world's most populous democracy—and second most-populous nation—India is an increasingly influential power, not only in its neighborhood in South Asia but also on the world's stage. India is one of the fastest-growing economies in the world, enjoys the second-largest labor force, and is rapidly becoming a major hub for high-tech industry, telecommunications, and automobile manufacturing. As a major export/import nation, India is an important trading partner for dozens of countries around the world.

India's position at the nexus of global security issues, from Pakistan and Kashmir to

China and the Indian Ocean, makes its participation in international security decisions essential. Having already provided tens of thousands of troops for dozens of UN peacekeeping missions around the world, India has earned a permanent role for itself in security decision-making, global conflict resolution, and questions of war and peace. As a nation which has suffered more casualties from terrorism than almost any other, India's commitment to effective counterterrorism measures is aligned with the United States' goals, and India has proved an indispensable ally with respect to our efforts in South Asia.

Finally, India regularly participates in numerous regional and international organizations, including the G20, the World Trade Organization, the East Asian Summit, and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation. India has thus demonstrated a commitment to international dialogue and constructive engagement, and, indeed, enjoys good relations with most countries around the world.

Madam Speaker, India is already a nation of great influence, respect, ambition, and ability, and a trusted member of the international community. An overwhelming majority of the United Nations General Assembly recently elected India to serve as the Asian regional representative to the Security Council. The permanent membership of the Security Council reflects the reality of global power in the immediate aftermath of World War II—not today's 21st century reality of rising powers. As President Obama and many other world leaders have pointed out, India deserves a permanent seat on a reformed Security Council, where its voice and clout will be a much-welcomed and much-needed addition to the global security regime. I strongly applaud this effort and urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,794,243,004,364.88.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,155,817,258,071.00 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MALCOLM MILLER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Dr. Malcolm Miller, a retired anesthesiologist and Mayor of the City of Norco, California. Malcolm passed

away last night at the age of 65 after a brief battle with liver cancer. He will be deeply missed.

Dr. Miller graduated from medical school from the University of Cape Town in South Africa and specialized as an anesthesiologist at Harvard Medical School. After teaching at Harvard for three years, he transferred to the University of California, Irvine where he taught as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology.

Dr. Miller later entered private practice at Orange County's St. Joseph Hospital and Children's Hospital where he served as Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology and as a member of the Board of Trustees. He was elected as the District Director for the Orange County Society of Anesthesiologists and served on the Board of Directors of the California Society of Anesthesiologists. He also served as a member of the Claims Review Committee of the Cooperative of American Physicians.

Dr. Miller is a naturalized citizen of the United States. He moved to Norco in 1997 when he married his wife, Donna, a longtime resident. Since then, he has served on the Streets and Trails Commission and was elected to the Norco City Council in 2007. Both Dr. Miller and his wife have been avid equestrians, and proud members of the Norco Horsemen's Association. Furthermore, Dr. Miller was a strong advocate for an innovative and forward-thinking project to convert animal waste into a renewable energy source.

Dr. Miller was in his first term on the City Council after being elected in 2007, and will be remembered for using his profound intellect to better the community around him.

On behalf of all those who knew him, it is my honor to offer these remarks as a tribute to the remarkable life and legacy of Dr. Miller. His life and presence will be sorely missed and I extend my condolences to his wife and his dear family and friends.

TRIBUTE TO NANCY KAUFMAN

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. TIERNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Nancy K. Kaufman. For the past 20 years, Ms. Kaufman has served as the Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston, an umbrella group for 42 local and national Jewish organizations. She has been a charismatic leader for JCRC, for the Boston Jewish community and for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

I have had the privilege of knowing Nancy for many years, and have traveled to Israel with her. Those who know Nancy can attest to her energy, effectiveness and enthusiasm for building a better world.

Due to Nancy's efforts, JCRC's impact has been felt across the country. As a result of her vision, passion and determination, the organization has developed a national model for creating community cohesion and building bridges. As an advocate for those in need, a community organizer and one committed to maintaining strong ties between Israel and the United States, Nancy has led the Jewish com-

munity with distinction and passion, and has been an outspoken and effective advocate for issues of importance to the Jewish community at the state and federal level.

Before joining the JCRC, Nancy worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as Deputy Director of the Governor's Office of Human Resources, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services and Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Welfare. Starting in January 2011, Ms. Kaufman will join the National Council of Jewish Women as its new President.

Ms. Kaufman is the recipient of several distinguished awards, including the Littauer Award for Excellence from the Kennedy School of Government and the Award for Greatest Contribution to Social Policy and Social Change from the Massachusetts chapter of National Association of Social Workers. Ms. Kaufman was also awarded the Warren B. Kohn Award for Jewish Communal Service in 2001, and was noted among the "Top 50" American Jewish leaders in the Forward Newspaper in 2000.

As she concludes her tenure at the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston, I wish to recognize Nancy Kaufman for her outstanding achievements as a citizen and advocate and wish her continued success in her new position.

HONORING MIKE COX

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge the distinguished career of Mike Cox, Michigan's 52nd Attorney General.

Born on December 29, 1961, the son of Irish immigrants, Michael Anthony Cox graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in 1980 and went on to serve his country as a Marine from 1980 until 1983. Serving with distinction, Mike Cox rose to the rank of Corporal and earned the Navy Achievement Medal and Command Marine of the Year Designation.

Mike Cox graduated from the University of Michigan in 1986, before earning his Juris Doctorate from the University of Michigan Law School in 1989. Mike worked in the Oakland County Prosecutors' office from 1989–1990. Mr. Cox joined the Wayne County Prosecutors' Office from 1990–2002, serving as Director of the Homicide Unit from 2000–2002. With tireless devotion to the citizens of Michigan, Mike Cox was elected Attorney General of the State of Michigan in 2002 and again in 2006.

During his tenure, Attorney General Cox has recovered a record \$3.2 billion for Michigan consumers while also saving taxpayers more than \$1.7 billion in defense of state lawsuits. Fighting utility rate increases, Attorney General Cox has saved families and businesses more than \$2.4 billion. He diligently fought rate hikes for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan enrollees and implemented a website allowing consumers to find the fairest price on prescription drugs.

As a father of four and a Little League coach, Mike Cox has set the protection of children as a top priority. By establishing the nation's first Child Support Unit, Attorney General Cox has helped more than 60,000 of

Michigan's youngest citizens receive the child support owed them and the unit is on track to collect over \$100 million by early 2011. His expanded efforts to keep children safe while online have resulted in the arrest of 258 internet sexual predators, making Michigan's Internet Predator Unit one of the most productive in the country. Cox's office developed the Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative. This innovative program has reached more than a half million.

With his unwavering commitment to all citizens, Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox has actively sought to protect our vulnerable senior citizens from unscrupulous caregivers, testified before Congress in defense of the embattled auto industry and led the fight to keep dangerously invasive Asian Carp from destroying our bountiful Great Lakes.

Madam Speaker, during his distinguished career, Attorney General has bettered the lives of countless Michiganders. As he embarks upon the next chapter of his life with his beloved wife Laura and his children Lindsey, Sinead, Conor and Rory, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding his legendary leadership, and in thanking him for his unfaltering service to our community and our country.

TAXPAYER RECEIPT ACT OF 2010

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, Oliver Wendell Holmes said "taxes are the price we pay for a civilized society" and taxes are a very big topic in our national debate today. How much federal income tax people pay and what those taxes buy is not well understood by many Americans. It is hard and complicated to figure out. Very little information about how tax revenues are spent is ever made available to the American people. This results in significant misinformation. For example, a Washington Post and Kaiser Foundation poll found that by a margin of two to one, Americans believe that the federal government spends more on foreign aid than on either Social Security or Medicare. This is why I am introducing the Taxpayer Receipt Act of 2010. This bill requires the Secretary of the Treasury to provide each taxpayer with a simple annual statement explaining how his or her federal income tax dollars were spent.

Similar to the annual Social Security statement, the Taxpayer Receipt will show the taxpayer's income tax liability, the amount of the liability spent on major spending categories, and the actual federal outlays for each category. It will also provide information on the state of the deficit and the 10 costliest tax breaks for that year. This simple annual Taxpayer Receipt will provide clear and consistent information to taxpayers that will serve to educate taxpayers on government spending—a subject full of misinformation.

Thomas Jefferson once said, "Information is the currency of democracy." To that end, providing Americans with information and transparency on government spending is essential to maintaining the strength and health of our democracy.

TO SUPPORT THE NUCLEAR ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2010

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support H.R. 5866, the Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 2010.

I am proud to see this vital piece of legislation up for consideration under suspension of the rules today. My colleagues and I on the Science and Technology Committee worked tirelessly on this bill which amends the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify and augment existing nuclear research and development programs at the Department of Energy. This legislation is an important step in ensuring the next generation of affordable and safe nuclear energy.

Our country should focus on creating environmentally safe and economically sustainable nuclear energy in order to reduce reliance on fossil-fuel resources. I was pleased the Science and Technology Committee included an amendment I offered during the Energy and Environment Subcommittee Markup on July 27th, 2010 which is now section 13 of H.R. 5866. Section 13 calls for the Secretary of Energy to work with the National Academies to conduct a long-term operating study of our Nation's existing nuclear power plants.

We need to know how long these facilities can last safely and what can be done to maintain these plants better. We should also identify what major impediments are threatening their long-term operational viability. To help transition to a low carbon economy, Congress needs these questions answered.

The United States currently has 104 reactors in 31 States that generate approximately 20 percent of our nation's electricity. Data indicates that it is possible that one-third of nuclear facilities in our country will be retired in the next 20–25 years. Given that nuclear power provides approximately 20 percent of the electricity in the United States, this topic is of critical national concern.

Many existing nuclear facilities in the U.S. are nearing the end of their initial 40-year licenses. Many of these facilities are likely to seek and receive license renewals for an additional 20 years. As the demand for low-carbon electricity grows, it is not too soon to identify options for these plants beyond the 60-year mark. The dearth of new nuclear units necessitates that our current nuclear infrastructure must continue to operate reliably, safely, and efficiently.

In the U.S. there are 59 nuclear plants that have reapplied for licenses through the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for an additional 20 years, taking the age of their plants from 40 to 60. The need to demonstrate the technical and financial feasibility of extending the life of nuclear facilities beyond 60 years is evident. Madam Speaker, the best way to lower energy costs is to identify and implement affordable clean energy.

I would like to thank Chairman BART GORDON for introducing this critical legislation. I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation in order to shed some light on the best path forward for our National Nuclear R&D strategy.

PROVIDING RELIEF TO THE UNEMPLOYED

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, the current recession has impacted the lives of millions of American families. Unemployment rates in the past 3 years have reached record highs, with competition for employment so steep that roughly five Americans compete for every available job. Providing meaningful relief to the unemployed in these scarce times is, by definition, our responsibility as legislators.

To get through these hard times, millions of unemployed Americans are raiding their retirement savings to put food on the table. In 2007, over 34 million Americans participated in their employer-sponsored retirement plans, and over 20 million Americans had an Individual Retirement Account. Unfortunately, withdrawing retirement funds early can carry stiff penalties. That is why I am introducing legislation to waive the penalty for unemployed taxpayers who have turned to their retirement savings for an early distribution. This bill will waive the penalty for such distributions made during 2009, 2010, or 2011, so long as the taxpayer received 12 consecutive weeks of unemployment compensation in the year the distribution was made.

In creating retirement accounts with special tax treatment, Congress was encouraging saving towards a financially stable retirement. It was the right thing to do. Congress wanted these funds to be for retirement, but Congress did not foresee the economic disaster we are going through. By allowing temporary, penalty-free withdrawals from retirement accounts when folks are unemployed we are helping the unemployed when they need it most.

HONORING BRUCE PATTERSON

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge the distinguished career of Bruce Patterson, Michigan State Senator representing the 7th District.

Born in Detroit, Michigan on February 7, 1947, Senator Patterson now resides in Canton. After graduating from Redford High School, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wayne State University in 1969, and thereafter, in 1972, a Juris Doctorate Degree from Wayne State University Law School.

Prior to beginning his storied political career, Senator Patterson served 20 years as an Associate Attorney, Vice President and President of McCabe, Middleton and Patterson, PC. Senator Patterson has been a member of the State Bar of Michigan since 1972 and was a member of the Plymouth-Canton Public School's Educational Excellence Foundation Board of Directors from 1989–1997. As Director of Planned Giving for Eastern Michigan University, Senator Patterson diligently worked from 1991 to 1994. He devoted his time and energy as President of the Canton Economic Club from 1991 to 1992 and to the Canton

Community Foundation from its inception in 1989 until 1996. Later in his career, Senator Patterson became a member of the Schoolcraft Community College Board of Trustees. With tireless devotion, he dedicated his time to improving his community as a Wayne County Commissioner from 1995 to 1998, and was elected to the Michigan State House of Representatives, where he was the first freshman ever elected to the position of Associate Speaker Pro Tempore, serving the 21st District for 4 years. While in the State House, Senator Patterson also served as Majority Leader.

Thereafter, on November 7, 2002, Senator Patterson was elected to the Michigan State Senate. During his tenure, Senator Patterson served as Chair of the Energy Policy and Public Utilities Committee, Health Policy Committee, Judiciary Committee, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee and Legislative Council.

For his unwavering commitment to excellence, Senator Patterson was inducted into the Canton Township Hall of Fame. Senator Bruce Patterson has earned a number of prestigious awards, including: the Michigan Chamber of Commerce Champion of Commerce Award, Michigan Associated Underground Contractors Legislator of the Year, the Michigan Nursing Association Friend of Nursing Award, Senior Alliance Legislative Award, Michigan Manufacturers' Association's "Advocate of the Year," the Iron Rider Award given by ABATE of Michigan, Michigan Municipal League's "Distinguished Service Award," Michigan League of Conservation Voters "Environmental Leadership Award," Michigan Education Association "Friend of Public Education Award," Legislator of the Year Award from the Michigan Psychological Association, the Michigan Court Officers, Deputy Sheriffs and Process Servers Association Legislator of the Year Award, Michigan Association of Health Plans Legislator of the Year and the "Free Market Champion Award" from the Telecommunications Association of Michigan. Senator Patterson was chosen as the first ever recipient for both the Michigan Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Legislator of the Year Award and the Michigan Council of Nurse Practitioners Advocate of the Year Award as well as Best Local Politician by the Plymouth Observer Newspaper.

Madam Speaker, during his distinguished career, Senator Patterson has bettered the lives of countless Michiganders. As he embarks upon the next chapter of his life with his beloved wife Phyllis and his children Denise, Lauren and Justin, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding his legendary leadership, and in thanking him for his unfaltering service to our community and our country.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and

any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, November 30, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 1

9:30 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine problems in mortgage servicing from modification to foreclosure, part 2.

SD-538

9:45 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 3817, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978, and the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 to reauthorize the Acts, S. 3199, to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss, S. 3036, to establish the Office of the National Alzheimer's Project, S. 1275, to establish a National Foundation on Physical Fitness and Sports to carry out activities to support and supplement the mission of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, H.R. 2941, to reauthorize and enhance Johanna's Law to increase public awareness and knowledge with respect to gynecologic cancers, an original bill entitled, "The Museum and Library Services Act of 2010", and the nominations of Anthony Bryk, of California, Robert Anacleto Underwood, of Guam, and Kris D. Gutierrez, of Colorado, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences, Sean P. Buckley, of New York, to be Commissioner of Education Statistics, Department of Education, Susan H. Hildreth, of Washington, to be Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Cora B. Marrett, of Wisconsin, to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation, and Allison Blakely, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, and subcommittee assignments; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, focusing on management and oversight.

SD-430

10 a.m.

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 3675, to amend chapter 11 of title 11, United States Code, to address reorganization of small businesses, S. 2888, to amend section 205 of title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualifying law school students participating in legal clinics from the application of the general conflict of interest rules under such section, S. 3728, to amend title 17, United States Code, to extend protection to fashion design, S. 1598, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent

background check system, and the nominations of Robert Neil Chatigny, and Susan L. Carney, both of Connecticut, both to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Amy Totenberg, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, James Emanuel Boasberg, and Amy Berman Jackson, both to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, James E. Shadid, and Sue E. Myerscough, both to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, James E. Graves, Jr., of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Paul Kinloch Holmes, III, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, Anthony J. Battaglia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Edward J. Davila, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Diana Saldana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Max Oliver Cogburn, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Marco A. Hernandez, and Michael H. Simon, both to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, and Steve C. Jones, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, and Michele Marie Leonhart, of California, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement, and Stacia A. Hylton, of Virginia, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, both of the Department of Justice, and Patti B. Saris, of Massachusetts, and Dabney Langhorne Friedrich, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine transition and implementation, focusing on the NASA Authorization Act of 2010.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine mini med policies.

SR-253

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Latin America in 2010, focusing on opportunities, challenges, and the future of the United States policy in the hemisphere.

SD-419

DECEMBER 2

9 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the report on the Department of Defense Working Group that conducted a comprehensive review of the issues associated with a repeal of section 654 of title 10, United States Code, "Policy Concerning Homosexuality in the Armed Forces".

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Consumer Product Safety Commission, focusing on product safety in the holiday season.

SR-253

DECEMBER 3

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine finding solutions to the challenges facing the United States Postal Service.

SD-342

Finance

To hold hearings to examine tax reform, focusing on historical trends in income and revenue.

SD-215

2 p.m.

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 2982, to combat international violence against women and girls, S. 3688, to establish an international professional exchange program, S. 1633, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards, S. 3798, to authorize appropriations of United States assistance to help eliminate conditions in foreign prisons and other detention facilities that do not meet minimum human standards of health, sanitation, and safety, S. Con. Res. 71, recognizing the United States national interest in helping to prevent and mitigate acts of genocide and other mass atrocities against civilians, and supporting and encouraging efforts to develop a whole of government approach to prevent and mitigate such acts, treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the

Republic of Rwanda Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, signed at Kigali on February 19, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110-23), international Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, adopted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on November 3, 2001, and signed by the United States on November 1, 2002 (the "Treaty") (Treaty Doc. 110-19), and the nominations of Thomas R. Nides, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, William R. Brownfield, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, and Suzan D. Johnson Cook, of New York, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, all of the Department of State, Paige Eve Alexander, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Alan J. Patricof, of New York, and Mark Green, of Wisconsin, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

S-116, Capitol

2:15 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine international aviation screening standards.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

9 a.m.

Armed Services

To continue hearings to examine the report on the Department of Defense Working Group that conducted a comprehensive review of the issues associated with a repeal of section 654 of title 10, United States Code, "Policy Concerning Homosexuality in the Armed Forces".

SD-G50

9:30 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for November 2010.

SH-216

DECEMBER 7

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine catastrophic preparedness, focusing on FEMA.

SD-342

DECEMBER 8

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine border security, focusing on the challenge of protecting Federal lands.

SD-342